

Chicago April 25, 1888

Dear Miss Kate,

I have fixed up matters all night at Pawhuska. I have had 3 councils and made everything solid, provided our priests do not trouble the work downhill. I saw Bp. Marty, who is really in a bad fix, but getting better. I telegraphed everywhere for Abbott Ignace in the Ind. Ter. But he could not be found. Then I left word, if he should turn up before the 25<sup>th</sup> instead, that he should come to Chicago to have an interview with me as he wanted to go there anyhow. Today I received a dispatch from him, that he is on his way to Chicago. I got soaking wet on my return from Pawhuska to Chautauqua and do not feel well enough to write much, besides I am over run with Indian work. Inclosed (six) please find the contractor's letter to me, which explains itself. I shall go to St. Joseph's. Home until I hear from you, in order to make them the contract, and then return East, where I will give you all accounts verbally.

It is now 1 O'Clock in the afternoon and I feel so bad, that I must go to bed. It is nothing serious, but I am worn out.

God's blessing to all of you.

Yours truly in the Lord,

J. A. Stephan